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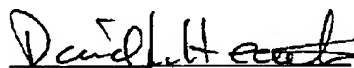
REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-15, and 18-19 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 10-11 under 35 U.S.C. §102, as anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0042190 (Tremblay, et al.), and claims 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Tremblay in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0004755 (Levy, et al.). Applicant has canceled claims 10-14 without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced.

In addition, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 4-9, 15, and 18-19 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for so indicating. Early and favorable action on this case is respectfully requested.

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